

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS  
WITHIN THE CITY OF LODI  
LOEL CENTER  
105 SOUTH WASHINGTON STREET  
LODI, CALIFORNIA  
11:00 A.M. JANUARY 20, 1988

UNMET TRANSIT  
NEEDS

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Notice thereof having been published according to law, an affidavit of which is on file in the City Clerk's Office, Administrative Assistant Eric Whitaker called for the Public Hearing to obtain citizens comments on transit needs within the City of Lodi.

Notices of the subject hearing were mailed to the following under a declaration of mailing:

Attached marked Exhibit "A" is a copy of the Notice of Hearing.

Attached marked Exhibit "B" is an affidavit of publication from the Lodi News Sentinel on the notice of hearing.

Attached marked Exhibit "C" is a sign-up sheet signed by those who were in attendance at the subject hearing.

Mr. Whitaker opened the Public Hearing explaining the purpose of the hearing indicating that every effort would be made to work with people to address their needs.

It was pointed out that it is the City's goal to have 90% of the calls for Dial-A-Ride be handled within 45 minutes.

It was also pointed out that, based on past usage and demand, it will be recommended that the city purchase an additional vehicle.

The following are points that were raised by citizens during the hearing:

1. Suggestion to have one or two more cars or a bus for Dial-A-Ride services.
2. The need for additional drivers on Saturday.
3. The need for extended hours on Saturday.
4. The need for reserve drivers in case of illness.
5. The need to educate the public on the "white ticket".
6. Lodi Unified School District is looking for an alternate method to transport handicapped students involved in a specialized program.
7. Suggestion that one vehicle be on a fixed route.
8. Complaint regarding the long waits for Dial-A-Ride.
9. Complaint that dispatcher and drivers are rude.
10. Suggestion that any new vehicles purchased be bigger and wider, Citizen is having a difficult time getting in and out of the car.
11. Suggest printing and distributing of brochures explaining the Dial-R-Ride program.

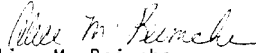
12. Questions were asked about transportation available for rides outside the City.
13. Questions were asked concerning the local service club program providing free Dial-A-Ride tickets.
14. It was pointed out that more people could be fed at Loel Center if transportation was available.
15. Suggested the city might consider the use of a mini-bus.
16. Suggested checking with surrounding agencies for spare vehicles which could be used in Lodi. It was suggested that Rio Vista may have a bus for sale.

The following very favorable comments were received regarding the existing Dial-A-Ride program:

1. Citizens of Lodi could not get along without Dial-A-Ride.
2. Dial-A-Ride does a good job - good drivers and courteous drivers.
3. Appreciation of free Dial-A-Ride tickets.
4. Very courteous Dial-A-Ride staff

There being no other persons wishing to speak on the matter, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Attest:

  
Alice M. Reimche  
City Clerk